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6. [] I talked with Ed Braswell, Chief Counsel, Senate Armed Services Committee, again about the possibilities for resolving the problems with the "dissemination of information" section and the 10% personnel reduction section of the State Department Authorization bill in the Senate. Braswell said he was sure that Senator Stennis would fight for an exemption for CIA from the personnel reduction provision but he seriously doubted that the Senator would be willing to take the issue any further than this, (i. e. he did not argue for similar exclusions for the Department of Defense or others). Braswell did say, however, that the Senator might be willing to take issue with the 10% reduction provision and the [] personnel ceiling on strictly Committee jurisdiction grounds. Braswell asked us to give him some arguments on these two proposals by close of business tomorrow since the bill is scheduled to come up on the floor Monday. Braswell is not at all optimistic that anything can be done in the Agency's interest with regard to the dissemination of information section without getting into a full-blown Senate floor discussion on the subject of CIA's covert action programs and this was bound to be a loser. He feels that the only way of wrestling with this problem is by discussion with Chairman Morgan, of the House Foreign Affairs Committee, in the hope that he will change the language when the bill comes before that Committee. 25X1A

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7. [] At his request I met with Mr. Bob O'Regan, on the staff of Representative Dante B. Fascell (D., Fla.), who gave me a copy of a letter to the Congressman from [] requesting information on Cuban radio stations in Florida. According to [] these stations are making Spanish language broadcasts not only attacking Castro but also criticizing U.S. policies, the President's proposed trip to Moscow, and related matters. O'Regan asked if I would provide him with information which they could use in responding to [] letter. I have passed this to WH Division for advice. STATOTHR
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8. [] Accompanied [] who briefed Senator Charles Percy and Scott Cohen, of his staff, on the military situation in Vietnam. The Senator was particularly interested in talk of a "Dunkirk" situation which might confront the remaining U.S. troops in South Vietnam, the military threat to Saigon, the role of the South Vietnamese air force, and the overall military prospects of the war.

Following the above meeting, I mentioned to Senator Percy, and followed up in a conversation with Scott Cohen, our concern over amendments to the Foreign Relations Authorization Act (S. 3526) reported out by the Foreign Relations Committee. I said one of these dealing with dissemination of information abroad would []

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[] the other calling for 10% across-the-board cuts of certain categories of personnel would seriously cripple our overseas operations. Cohen said he was very doubtful that the Senator would be in a position to support us on either of these issues.

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9. [] Met with Bill Woodruff, Counsel, Senate Appropriations Committee, and discussed the above-mentioned amendments to the Foreign Relations Authorization Act (S. 3526). He shares the view of other Hill contacts with whom we have discussed the matter that getting any exemption for CIA to the restrictions on dissemination of overseas information is virtually out of the question in the Senate. He rather favored my suggestion that we may try to cope with the situation by getting the House Foreign Affairs Committee to introduce a "clean bill" covering much the same ground as the Church amendment in the Senate, but with language acceptable to the Agency.

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10. [] Called Frank Slatinshek, Assistant Chief Counsel, House Armed Services Committee, regarding a request from Chairman Moorhead, Foreign Operations and Government Information Subcommittee, House Government Operations Committee, for Agency witnesses to appear on 5 May to testify on security and classification problems. Slatinshek's off-the-cuff comment was (a) we cannot avoid appearing, (b) it would be helpful to buy time so that Chairman Nedzi and our oversight Subcommittee could cover this problem with us first, and (c) when we do appear before Moorhead we should not push for executive session, since an appearance in open session would provide justification for refusing to answer any detailed questions.

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11. [] Called John Lehman, NSC staff, to say that our conversation today with Ed Braswell, Chief Counsel, Senate Armed Services Committee, indicated that Senator Stennis probably would not fight the 10% across-the-board cut in overseas personnel called for in the Fulbright amendment to the Foreign Relations Authorization Act (S. 3526), but might support a special exemption for CIA. In view of this, I told Lehman that I didn't feel qualified to represent the entire Administration in opposing the across-the-board cut since I foresaw a conflict of interest between CIA and other agencies involved. Lehman agreed with my suggestion that I call Defense and USIA and explain my problem. I told Lehman I would be glad to be helpful but in addition to the conflict of interest problem, I really didn't feel I knew enough about the situation regarding other agencies to represent their interests effectively.

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12. [] In the absence of Rady Johnson, Assistant to the Secretary of Defense (Legislative Affairs), I talked with his Deputy Colonel George Dalferes on the above matter and explained why I didn't think I could be helpful in pleading DIA's case on the personnel cuts. He said he appreciated my position and would pass the word on to Johnson.

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13. [] Called Charles Ablard, General Counsel of USIA, to tell him that, as I had already explained to John Lehman, NSC staff, I didn't think I could effectively represent the interest of any other agencies than CIA in connection with the Church bill on dissemination of information abroad. Ablard said he surely understood the problem and they would try to take care of their interest in the matter as best they could. We agreed to keep in touch.

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5. [] Met with Representative Robert L. F. Sikes, of the House Appropriations Committee, whom I briefed on latest developments regarding Soviet strategic aircraft and ICBMs. I reminded him of our earlier invitations for him to visit Headquarters and get briefed on our budget, personnel, etc., noting the Director was particularly concerned that he should be up to date on these matters in view of the allegations on the Hill that our oversight Subcommittees are not doing their job. Mr. Sikes was apologetic for not responding to our invitation sooner and said as soon as his present hearings on military construction were completed he would be in touch with us.

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6. [] In the absence of Carl Marcy, discussed with Art Kuhl, Senate Foreign Relations Committee staff, Chairman Fulbright's letter to the Director regarding possible CIA information on [] conduct on a PanAm flight from Paris. Kuhl said that Tom Dine, of Senator Church's staff, had "gotten them into this" and had promised to produce their CIA source. Having failed to do so, Kuhl said he and Marcy were quite disgusted and felt that they had been "had." He went on to say that the leak of the Director's reply to Fulbright was undoubtedly Dine's work, since he was sure it didn't come from the Committee staff and Fulbright had sent a copy of the Director's reply to Church. STATOTHR

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7. [] Met with Senator William Spong and reviewed our problems with the two amendments to the State Department Authorization bill. He said he would try to be helpful but was sure we could not win a floor fight on the issue of dissemination of information abroad.

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8. [] Discussed the above problem with John Goldsmith, Senate Armed Services Committee staff, who shared Senator Spong's view regarding our prospects in the event that the issue reached the floor.

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9. [] Received a call from Miss Judy Strachan, in the office of Representative Frank Bow (R., Ohio), who asked for information concerning the qualifications for employment with INTERPOL. After checking with [] I gave Miss Strachan the full name and address plus a short description of INTERPOL and the name of an individual at Treasury Department should Representative Bow desire any further information.

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14. [] Mr. Hvasta, Administrative Assistant to Representative J. Herbert Burke (R., Fla.), called requesting subscriptions to the following FBIS Daily Reports: Eastern Europe, Soviet Union, Asia and Pacific, Latin America, and Peoples Republic of China. I, in turn, called [] FBIS, and relayed the request. I called Mr. Hvasta back telling him that his subscriptions would be starting on 8 May 1972.

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15. [] FBIS items of interest were delivered to the offices of Senators Mike Mansfield (D., Mont.), Hugh Scott (R., Pa.), and Hubert H. Humphrey (D., Minn.).

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16. [] Spoke with Mr. Robert Penn, Manpower Statistics Division, Civil Service Commission, to determine the accuracy of the figures reported by the Senate Foreign Relations Committee in connection with the 10 per cent overseas cut in S. 3526, Foreign Relations Authorization Act of 1972. The Senate Committee report apparently has made a substantial understatement of Federal civilian employees abroad. Mr. Penn is sending me a copy of the most recent Civil Service Commission report on the subject.

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17. [] In response to a request from the Office of Management and Budget, called Janis Humphrey and advised her that since we are out of the picture now, we would defer to Department of State with respect to their draft bill to authorize for fiscal year 1973 the sum of \$38.52 million for grants to Radio Free Europe and Radio Liberty, and that the bill appeared to be a constructive step. This matter was coordinated with CA Staff, General Counsel, and the Office of Planning, Programming and Budgeting. I also called to Miss Humphrey's attention two technical errors in State's proposed transmittal letter concerning the public law number of the current authorization and the date of its approval by the President.

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18. [] Attended a meeting of the Legislative Interdepartmental Group in Clark MacGregor's office of the White House. See Memo for Record.

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STATOTHR 19. (Unclassified - LLM) Winslow Wheeler, in the office of Senator Jacob Javits (R., N. Y.), called and said they had received a letter from a Swedish citizen, [REDACTED] who claims to have been awarded a medal in 1963 for OSS service and who feels that a similar medal should be awarded to Prince Karl, cousin of the King of Sweden, who had aided him in these efforts. I asked Mr. Wheeler to forward the letter to us and said we would be glad to look into the matter.

STATINTL 20. (Internal Use Only - LLM) As a followup to the LIG meeting on the 25th, called Lin Noah, USIA, and requested such information as they could provide on the adverse impact on Federal agencies of the restrictions on preparation and dissemination of information abroad contained in the Foreign Relations Authorization Act of 1972, S. 3526. Mr. Noah said they would be in contact with most Federal agencies and in response to his query I said we would prefer to receive the information through USIA rather than from the individual Federal agencies involved. In response to his request, I said we would contact the FBI directly, and have requested the assistance of [REDACTED] CI Staff, in this respect.

Later, Mr. Burleson, of USIA, gave me a preliminary report concerning the Bureau of Narcotics and Dangerous Drugs, Agriculture, U. S. Travel Service, the Smithsonian, and NASA, and promised to provide additional information tomorrow.

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25X1 6. [] Left with Helen Lawson, in the office of Senator Henry Bellmon (R., Okla.), copies of maps of the Agency to be sent to members of the group who will breakfast at the Agency with the Director on 4 May. Miss Lawson gave me a copy of the letter they have sent to their group announcing this session. She said she would let us know how many members will attend as soon as she has this information but she does not expect this will be more than several days in advance of the meeting.

25X1 7. [] Checked with Bill Woodruff, Counsel, Senate Appropriations Committee, and obtained from him the schedule for the briefing of the Intelligence Operations Subcommittee on the budgets of the intelligence community. Following the Director's briefing in the morning and afternoon of 5 May on the community budget and his briefing in the morning of 8 May on the Agency budget, they expect to have Dr. Hall up on the morning of 11 May followed by DIA, NSA and the reconnaissance witnesses on the afternoon of the 11th and the morning and afternoon of the 12th. The exact schedule following Dr. Hall's appearance is flexible.

25X1 8. [] Talked with Ed Braswell and Jim Woolsey, Senate Armed Services Committee staff, who indicated they had received the letter from [] on alternative methods of financing the irregular forces in Laos and they felt [] response was less than helpful.

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25X1 9. [] Attended a meeting of the Legislative Interdepartmental Group at the White House. See Memo for Record.

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25X1 10. [] John Goldsmith, Senate Armed Services
Committee staff, called about an insert which had been made by DOD in the
25X1A [] testimony of 7 March 1972 before the Committee. He was
particularly anxious to get an explanation as to what [] was. After
25X1A checking with [] DC/FE, I told Goldsmith this was not our
program and it would be best if he checked this out with the Pentagon. He
thanked me and said he would do so.

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called concerning a call he received from Oye Stovall, Director Inter-
national Division, General Accounting Office (129-6384). Mr. Stovall
stated that on occasion GAO prepares reports which involve the Agency.
He mentioned the reports on refugees in South East Asia prepared for
Senator Kennedy's Subcommittee and a report being prepared on Radio
Liberty and Radio Free Europe. He offered to provide to the Agency
copies of these and other reports for information or in draft prior to pub-
lication should the Agency so desire. Stovall's call was to the Director
of Finance and was referred to [] who knows Stovall personally. 25X1A
25X1A [] OLC, subsequently called the DDS. [] stated he has 25X1A
maintained the liaison with GAO on various reports concerning the Agency,
and he would handle the matter.

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25X1A [] of OLC, and [] met with Mr. Kopp 25X1A
Deputy General Counsel, and Mr. Noah, of USIA, to review the problems
posed by the restrictions on the preparation and dissemination of information
abroad which were favorably reported by the Senate Foreign Relations
Committee in the Foreign Relations Authorization Act of 1972. See Memo-
randum for the Record.

25X1 13. [] In response to her earlier call, told
Mrs. Booth, in the office of Representative M. G. Snyder (R., Ky.), that
the personnel application of [] was inactive. Per her request 25X1A
I told Mrs. Booth that we would be glad to review the file again in view of our
current personnel requirements and that we would confirm this in a letter
to Representative Snyder and would advise [] of the outcome. 25X1A
Personnel is taking the necessary action.

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25X1 1. [] Talked to Mr. Ralph Preston, House Appropriations Committee staff, who told me the Committee meetings will keep him occupied Monday, Tuesday and Wednesday of this week. He will try to schedule Thursday to visit the Agency for briefing on the Agency budget and will advise me late in the day or tomorrow.

I met with Mr. Preston in the early afternoon and gave him a capsule briefing on the William Beecher article in yesterday's New York Times concerning a new Soviet ICBM.

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25X1 2. [] Met with Mr. Art Kuhl, Chief Clerk, Senate Foreign Relations Committee, who gave me copies of []

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Mr. Kuhl also gave me copies of Senate Report 92-754, Foreign Relations Authorization Act of 1972.

25X1 3. [] Met with Mr. Richard Barton, Employee Benefits Subcommittee of the House Post Office and Civil Service Committee, who told me that the hearings scheduled for next week on position classification in the Federal Government (the Oliver Report) will probably have to be put over. Although the report has been at the White House for some time with Civil Service Commission's comments, it has not yet cleared.

As for the Hanley bill, on protection of rights of Federal employees, it will be one of two principal items on the regular meeting of the full Committee scheduled for Thursday, 4 May. In brief, there is a question whether there are sufficient votes to vote the Hanley bill out of the full Committee. I thanked Mr. Barton for the advice.

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